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## EBARC Meeting

November 9, 2007  
7:30 p.m.

Election of 2008 EBARC Officers  
"ARRL Update", by  
TI-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets the second Friday of each month  
at the Salvation Army, 4600 Applan Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
at 1123 Harrison St., Berkeley. For directions call 510-525-0694.

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## **New Board Meeting Location**

The EBARC Executive Board meeting location is now at Peter Hoffman's house, 1123 Harrison St., Berkeley. As always, EBARC members are welcome to attend Board meetings. The Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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## **President's Sidetone Jack Burris, K6JEB**

A man once was lost in the woods. He had forgotten to charge his handi-talkie and of course his cell phone was of no use (as usual). Every time he thought he had found the way out of the woods, he would realize he had just gone in a big circle. Along came another person. He too was lost, but in a much better mood. When quizzed "Why are you so elated?" by the ham, the stranger replied "I don't know the way out of the forest either, but together, we can enjoy our walk through the trees!"

By time you get this, Fall will be in full swing. The air is getting just a little cooler each morning. The leaves on trees are changing

color. Hopefully you've done any antenna maintenance for the season, and if you're new to the hobby, you're probably trying to figure out how to make sense of this crazy hobby. But you don't have to "go it alone." That's what ham clubs are all about, not just socializing, but for learning from one another.

If you feel just a bit overwhelmed about trying to get on the air, or you're still not quite sure how to deal with Smith charts (but you'd like to learn), getting involved with the East Bay Amateur Radio Club is the way to go. Maybe you need someone to give your new rig a signal check, or how about some help with that antenna?

There is power in numbers, and this month, we have our American Radio Relay League (ARRL) East Bay Section Manager Ti Michelle Connelly, NJ6T presenting on all topics ARRL. Ti is retiring from the position of Section Manager and has many adventures ahead. Be sure to drop by to see what she's got planned!

If you didn't attend Pacificon, you missed the best one yet. Record attendance, great forums, meeting the smiling faces behind all the voices you hear . . . I could ramble on and on. It was a good time and MDARC (Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club) did a great job of putting it together.

See you at the meeting! Bring a friend and anyone interested in amateur radio!

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## **November Program Ron Smith, KE6RS**

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Ti-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T, will be speaking about what is happening in the East Bay Section of ARRL.

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Ye Olde Editor preafrooded this month's *Blown Fuse*. Errors are hers alone...

## Get your General Ticket! Ti Michelle Connelly, NJ6T

Seats are still available for the General license training class. It's sponsored by the East Bay Amateur Radio Club (EBARC), Oakland Radio Communication Association (ORCA) and Amateur Radio Club of Alameda (ARCA)

**Where:** Alameda Fire Dept Training Ctr.  
431 Stardust Place, Alameda, CA 94501

**Date:** 10/30/2007-12/11/2007

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Pacific

**Contact:** David Haycock, KI6AWR  
510-846-0011 or ki6awr@arrl.net

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**Our club is 60 years old! EBARC  
grew out of the Richmond Radio Club**

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### Treasurer's Report October 2007

**Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer**

#### OCTOBER INCOME

New Member, KG6SYD .....	\$25.00
Membership Renewal, AB6VB, F6HEX, K6LHP .....	<u>75.00</u>
Total Oct. Income .....	\$100.00

#### OCTOBER DISBURSEMENTS

Blown Fuse Printing .....	\$24.82
Blown Fuse Postage .....	16.81
AT&T (W6CUS phone) .....	<u>18.08</u>
Total Oct. Disbursements .....	\$59.71

#### BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

Checking (General Fund) .....	\$4,244.59
Savings (Station Fund*) .....	\$3,171.71

\*\$760 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

We are collecting membership dues for 2008.  
Please fill out the renewal form from *The Blown Fuse*. Dues: regular individual \$25, family \$30.

### 2008 EBARC Membership Renewal

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City, State, Zip

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ARRL Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Membership Type ☐ Regular ☐ Family  
Blown Fuse delivery ☐ e-mail ☐ snail mail

Dues: Regular \$25, Family \$30, K-12 \$10

Mail to P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530

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Additional family member name(s), call, and class

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Please use the lines above to tell us your ham interests,  
and any non-ham skills or hobbies

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## Please Support ARRL

If you are not a member of ARRL, please join. This organization works hard for us: protecting our spectrum, lobbying, managing volunteer examiners, creating great publications, etc. EBARC is an ARRL-affiliated club, which requires that a substantial number of our members belong to ARRL. If you haven't been a member for two years, please rejoin through EBARC, because our club keeps a portion of your ARRL dues. See Sharon or Gordy for the proper form.

## **General Meeting Minutes October 12, 2007 Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Secretary**

The meeting called to order by Jack, K6JEB, near 7:30 p.m.

Texx, KG6ATH, reported that Burgie, KE6MSF, is working on a mid-January crab feed.

Stanton, KD6SWU, reported that he has put up a railing at the ramp to the club station door.

Ron, KE6RS, reported that Ti-Michelle Connelly will speak about ARRL news at the November meeting.

The November EBARC board meeting will be at Peter Hoffman's house.

The meeting was adjourned for a presentation by Bob Vallio, W6RGG, on the Scarborough Reef DXpedition.

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### **Election of 2008 EBARC Officers**

The EBARC nominating committee for this year consists of: Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF; Peter Hoffman, W6DEI; and Syl Goldberg, W8JSN.

The following people have agreed to have their names placed in nomination for office for 2008:

President, Jack Burris, K6JEB  
1st VP, (nobody yet)  
2nd VP, Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF  
3rd VP, Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ  
Treasurer, Gordon Parsons, NU6W  
Secretary, Peter Hoffman, W6DEI

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted during the November general meeting.

## **EBARC Roster Update**

**NEW MEMBER:** Mark O'Brien, KG6SYD, has a General ticket. He lives at 1563 Solano Ave., Apt. 103, Berkeley, 94707. His phone is 650-776-1817.

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### **Future Bay Area Events**

- 4Cs/EBARC Holiday Party, Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m., at Marie Callender's, 2090 Diamond Blvd. Concord. Reservations and payment due by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> to Barbara Grazer-Robinson, KD6OKJ, 510-222-4990.
- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert 925-560-5646 (h). More info at [www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html](http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html)
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. 2007 sessions are complete, and the dates for 2008 have not yet been set. Exams are held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room of the Kaiser Building, 1950 Franklin, Oakland (1 block from the 19<sup>th</sup> St. BART station). The 2008 fee (and retest fee) has not yet been set. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details, RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

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### **Books for Hams?**

- "Vacuum Tubes are not Obsolete", by Phil A. Mentz
- "How to Reach the Top of the DX Honor Roll", by Lon Gevity
- "How to Troubleshoot Radio Transmitters", by I. C. "Red" Sparks
- "Why R. L. Drake left the Amateur Market", by Ken Woods  
[from *Radio Sporting Magazine*]

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$25 for individual membership, \$30 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, call (510) 233-7509, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page [www.eastbayarc.org](http://www.eastbayarc.org), or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond. The packet station, W6CUS-1, is on 145.630 Mhz, and is linked to the EAST BAY LAN (EBAY) on 223.720 Mhz.

## 2007 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

Jack Burris, K6JEB, President .....	415-305-2547
Ron Smith, KE6RS, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair .....	724-5099
Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP – Hospitality Chair .....	526-4089
Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3 <sup>rd</sup> VP - Membership / <i>Blown Fuse</i> Editor .....	741-8227
Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair .....	785-4290
Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Secretary, Field Day Chair, Web Site Guru, and Publicity Chair .....	525-0694
Ralph Hall, W6EFD, W6CUS Trustee / SysOp .....	232-0727
Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, Club Station Manager, Member-at-Large ..	385-4044
John Wood, N6JDW, Education Chair, Member-at-Large .....	741-7050
Bob Bowling, K6ZLG, Member-at-Large .....	233-5749
Joe Lee, W6DOB, Silent Key Chair .....	724-0533
Awards Chair .....	
Social & Digital Committees Chair .....	
Legislative Affairs .....	
RFI Committee Chair .....	
Historian .....	

## AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO RACES/ARES Net	Thurs	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Tech Net	Thurs	2000 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Northern Calif. Net VHF Session	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"Going Home Group"	Mo-Fr	1600 (PL 82.5-)	145.110

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work: 510-893-7900 x 270; pager 510-765-4618. Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.